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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: LARGE SIZED CARBON BLACK
PARTICLES TO REDUCE NEEDED
MIXING ENERGY OF HIGH
HARDNESS, STIFF TIRE
COMPOSITIONS

Art Unit: 1714
Examiner: Wyrozebski-Lee

REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed October 29, 2003, Applicants submit remarks and request reconsideration of their application.

Restriction

In the Office Action, the Examiner required under 35 U.S.C. §121 a restriction between the following groups of claims:

- Group I Claims 1-15, drawn to a composition of a tire component, classified in class 524, subclass 495;
- Group II Claim 16, drawn to a method of reducing energy when mixing rubber, classified in class 264, subclass 552.

Applicants affirm the election of the claims of Group I, with traverse, and reserve the right to pursue the unelected claims in divisional applications. Applicants

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